

WASHINGTON, WOODSIDE AND FOREST GLEN RAILWAY
AND POWER COMPANY.

JUNE 8, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CURTIS, of Iowa, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6432.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6432) relating to the Washington, Woodside and Forest Glen Railway and Power Company, of Montgomery County, Md., report the same back to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

Page 2, line 22, add after the word "companies," the following:

Provided, That nothing contained herein shall operate to relieve the Brightwood Railway Company of any of its charter obligations, limitations, requirements, and restrictions, all of which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be binding in all respects upon any company operating cars upon the route of said Brightwood Railway Company.

Add the following as section 2:

That Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal this act.

The Washington, Woodside and Forest Glen Railway and Power Company is at present running cars over the tracks of the Brightwood Railroad Company, according to an amicable arrangement between the two companies. The purpose of the bill is to provide a method to adjust any disputes that may occur in regard to the companies.

The bill received a favorable report from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who suggested the amendments reported by the committee, together with one other amendment to prevent electrolysis, a subject which has been dealt with more completely in the District of Columbia appropriation bill, and therefore the Commissioners' amendment on that particular subject has not been included in this bill.

Your committee incorporate as a part of its report the following communication from the Commissioners on this subject:

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, May 12, 1898.

DEAR SIR: The Commissioners have the honor to return herewith the bill (H. R. 6432) relating to the Washington, Woodside and Forest Glen Railway and Power Company, referred to them by your committee for examination and report. The Commissioners recommend that the bill be amended by adding the following thereto:
Provided, That nothing contained herein shall operate to relieve the Brightwood Railway Company of any of its charter obligations, limitations, requirements, and

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restrictions, all of which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be binding in all respects upon any company operating cars upon the route of said Brightwood Railway Company.

SEC. 2. That prior to the running of any cars of the said Washington, Woodside and Forest Glen Railway and Power Company over the tracks of the Brightwood Railway Company in the District of Columbia, a return wire of equal capacity to the feed wire, and similarly insulated and placed, must be provided along said tracks, and each car used on said route within the District of Columbia shall be equipped with the double trolley. No portion of the electrical circuit on the route in question shall, under any circumstances, be allowed to pass through the earth, and neither pole of any dynamo furnishing power to the line shall be grounded, the provisions of this section to be carried out subject to the approval of the Commissioners.

SEC. 3. That for each and every violation of any of the provisions and requirements of this act the railway company guilty of such violation shall forfeit and pay to the District of Columbia not less than twenty-five nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in said District.

SEC. 4. That Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal this act.

With the foregoing amendments, the Commissioners respectfully recommend favorable action on the bill.

Very respectfully, yours,

JOHN W. ROSS,
President Board of Commissioners District of Columbia.

Hon. J. W. BABCOCK,
Chairman Committee on District of Columbia, House of Representatives.

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